

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote, and pending that, I make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 321, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) to the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MCCOLLUM) will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MRS. JONES OF OHIO TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE OFFERED BY MR. MCCOLLUM

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment to the amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mrs. JONES of Ohio to the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. MCCOLLUM:

Page 2, line 17, strike "Section" and insert "(a) IN GENERAL.—Section".

Page 3, after line 6, insert the following:
(b) INTERACTION WITH ANY CAP.—Subsection (a) shall be implemented so that any increase in funding provided thereby shall operate notwithstanding any dollar limitation on the availability of the Crime Victims Fund established under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio (during the reading). Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment to the amendment in the nature of a substitute be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Chairman, my amendment is simple and straightforward. It strengthens the underlying bill and manager's amendment by ensuring that any increase in funding provided for under the bill will not be prejudiced by any dollar cap imposed on the victims of crime fund. This will help to ensure that Congress will not attempt to balance the budget on the backs of crime victims in general and victims of sexual abuse in particular.

I wish I was not forced to offer this amendment, but I must do so because I fear that some will attempt to tap into money which will otherwise be available to assist in criminal enforcement and compensate crime victims. As a matter of fact, the Commerce, Justice, State appropriations bill, which has recently passed this House, would have us cap the amount of money available to crime victims at \$500 million in a futile effort to balance the budget.

I have some concern that any caps imposed by Congress could threaten the stream of victims compensation payments. As a matter of fact, in 1996, the needs of crime victims were so great that we expended funds in excess of the proposed cap.

To victim advocates such as myself, maximizing the stream of victim as-

sistance grants through the Victims of Crime Act is of the utmost importance, given the many large gaps in victims services found in most communities today.

We should never allow any cap to limit the amount of funds available for the prosecution of child abuse cases. This is why the amendment is supported by victims groups such as the National Organization for Victims Assistance. My amendment guarantees that this bill will take full and immediate effect regardless of any gap.

If my colleagues support victims of crime in general and child abuse victims in particular, they should support this amendment. I urge Members on both sides of the aisle to join me in supporting this amendment.

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, I want to thank the gentlewoman from Ohio for the amendment and say it is agreeable to me, and I am more than happy to accept the amendment she is offering. It is a perfecting amendment, as I understand it.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman from Florida for his support and encouragement.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I want to thank the gentlewoman from Ohio for a very astute amendment. Without resources, we cannot do our job. I will be happy to support the amendment, and I congratulate the gentlewoman for her effort and vision.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. JONES) to the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MCCOLLUM).

The question was taken; and the Chairman announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 321, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. JONES) to the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MCCOLLUM) will be postponed.

Mr. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise. The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CALLAHAN) having assumed the chair, Mr. HANSEN, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill

(H.R. 764) to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, on October 4, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes 470, 471, 472, and 473. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on all four votes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 4 p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 4:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATHAM) at 4 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 321 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 764.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 764) to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect, and for other purposes, with Mr. BLUNT (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. JONES) to the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MCCOLLUM) had been postponed and the bill was open for amendment at any point.

Are there further amendments to the bill?

SEQUENTIAL VOTES POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 321, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed in the following order: amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) to the amendment in the